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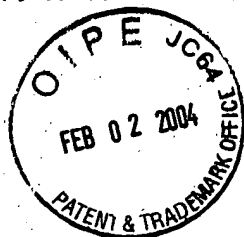
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For: PORPHYRIN CONTAINING LACTIC ACID
BACTERIAL CELLS AND USE THEREOFDECLARATION OF DEPOSIT UNDER THE BUDAPEST TREATY

1. My name is Carsten Midskov and I am employed as Corporate Manager of Intellectual Property Rights of Chr. Hansen A/S, assignee of the captioned application.

2. The *Lactococcus lactis* strain CHCC373 was deposited under the terms of the Budapest Treaty on February 17, 1998 and given the accession number DSM 12015 by DSMZ-Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH.

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